Wage Board for Tea-Plantation Industry

1335. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Tea Employees Union, Barak Valley have adopted a resolution in its Annual General Meeting held at Silchar Requesting Government to constitute the 2nd Wage Board for Tea plantation industry to evolve a uniform pay structure for all tea plantation workers throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the resolution has been received by him;

(c) whether it is proposed to appoint second wage board for Tea plantation workers as requested and if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) No such resolution as adopted by the Indian Tea Employees Union, Barak Valley has been received by the Government;

(c) and (d) Do *not* arise.

Amendment of Contract Labour (Abolition and Regulation) Act, 1970

1336. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to amend the Contract Labour (Abolition and Regulation) Act, 1970 and Industrial Dispute Act, 1926 *to the* advantage of industrialist or employer in the name of the investment without looking, to the protection of workers; and

(b) whether Government are thinking to consult all Central Trade Unions before bringing the legislation in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) In the wake of economic liberalization as well as judgements" of various courts, proposals have been received from social partners to bring about changes in the Contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The changes or amendments to be made, if any, after taking into consideration all relevant factors, have not yet been finalised.